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Hansberger Applauds Expanded Recycling Agreements

Third District Supervisor Dennis Hansberger applauded expanded recycling agreements with the cities of Big Bear Lake and San Bernardino.

Approved in 1989, AB 939 required cities and counties to divert waste from landfills by 50%. Most jurisdictions have achieved diversion of more than 40% and San Bernardino County's unincorporated area has reached 49%.

Agreements with the cities of Big Bear Lake and San Bernardino, approved on Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors, will add to the amount of waste that is diverted from County landfills by adding recycling of waste brought by individuals. A pilot program conducted at the County's Victorville Landfill resulted in about 50% of the self-hauled waste being directed to on-site processing areas and about half of that waste being diverted to recycling efforts.

"Waste diversion, which is better known as recycling to most of us, isn't just another law that the State mandates us to do. It's something that we want to do, something that we need to do and something that will protect our environment for future generations," Hansberger said. "These agreements will help us meet, and hopefully exceed, the State's requirement, and I applaud these cities for partnering with us."

The Comprehensive Waste Disposal Site Diversion Program, approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2007, is currently operating at the Victorville, Barstow and Landers Landfills; as well as transfer stations at Heaps Peak, Big Bear, Phelan and Twentynine Palms.